

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Wildflower Update
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Things are starting to bloom! This is shaping up to be the “Year of the Lily” with desert lily plants popping up all over. They are blooming already in some areas, including Vista del Malpais (four-wheel drive required) and at Arroyo Salado primitive camp, on highway S-22 (two-wheel-drive accessible).

Spectacle-pod is blooming at the north end of DiGiorgio Road, though the plants are still very small. Desert lily plants there are in bud, and should be blooming in a few days.

There are lots of desert sunflower and some dune primrose plants in the “wildflower fields” along Henderson Canyon Road but they are still quite small. With another good rainfall this month, plants could grow larger and make a respectable showing. But without rain, warm windy days could spell an early demise for many seedlings.

Annual flowers such as phacelia, pincushion, and desert dandelion are blooming nicely at the Visitor Center; the chuparosa there are spectacular, and the brittlebush will make a beautiful showing as well.

Check western canyons such as Borrego Palm Canyon for annuals and shrubs, also. Explore, and see what you can find!

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